

Cargo securing IMPORTANT!!!

As is normal as we enter the winter period Seatruck Ferries would respectfully remind all customers of the importance of cargo security of loads. It is your responsibility to ensure that cargo presented to Seatruck vessels is suitable for shipping in the expected weather conditions.

In presenting cargo for shipment, please pay particular attention to the following factors:

1. The adequacy of securing of the cargo on or within a trailer
2. The stability of the cargo (i.e. centre of gravity of the unit)
3. The brakes of the unit
4. The provision of suitable lashing points
5. The provision of suitable trestle points
6. Accuracy of declared weights of cargo units
7. Accuracy in the declared contents of cargo units

Seatruck check-in staff will ask delivery drivers to open units to check on the cargo securing as required. If there is any doubt about the suitability of a cargo unit for the prevailing conditions then shipment will be refused or delayed. You will be informed immediately if this is the case so that remedial action can be taken.

The current wind and sea conditions can be checked on the internet by logging onto http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/marine/shipping_forecast.html. Alternatively each booking office can advise on the expected forecast.

As per our conditions of carriage Seatruck Ferries cannot be held responsible for damage caused to trailers or loads due to any of the items listed above. Equally Seatruck Ferries reserve the right to pass on all associated costs with any cargo spillage and cleanup.

We would ask that this information is circulated within your company especially to your drivers whether employed or sub contracted. A downloadable notice that can be handed to drivers and displayed in your office is available at www.seatruckferries.com. Seatruck will also be distributing this notice to all drivers. It is also displayed at all our check-in facilities.

Inadequate securing is an extremely serious issue with the potential to endanger both the vessel and its crew. I trust that you will all treat this as a matter of high importance.

If you require more information or advice on any of these issues then please do not hesitate to contact Seatruck, we will be very happy to help.



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